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In Europe there are renewed efforts to integrate the higher education systems of different countries. These moves would allow greater student mobility, enhance the reputation of European education worldwide, and create a knowledge-based Europe with an open labour market.

In this lecture, the Netherlands Education Minister Maria van der Hoeven will outline the Dutch response to the Bologna Process, which is an intergovernmental plan to create a European Higher Education Area by 2010. She will also discuss how the Netherlands is engaging with the Bruges-Copenhagen Process, which was set in place by 31 education ministers to enhance vocational and technical education in Europe.



Mrs Maria van der Hoeven has been the Minister for Education, Culture and Science in the Netherlands since July 2002. She has been an MP since 1991, and was vice-chairwoman of the Christian Democratic Party for four years.

Prior to entering parliament, Mrs van der Hoeven had a long career as an educator. She held a variety of social and cultural posts including as a council member in the municipality of Maastricht for 17 years, a board member of the Utrecht College of Higher Professional Education, a board member of the Southern Dutch Opera Association. She has also been a member of a theatre company.

